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## Workshop on the Economic Response to Covid-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the economic landscape around the world. At this workshop, researchers and policymakers from across Europe will present findings on how the pandemic has affected the economy and the impact of government interventions to mitigate the economic damage. Attending the conference is free of charge and open to all.

**Organisers:** Christoph Görtz and Danny McGowan

**Date:** July 20, 2021

**Venue:** online. Registration and Zoom links are available [here](#).

9.30 **Welcome address**

9.35 **The Effect of the UK furlough and mortgage holiday policies on household finances**  
Danny McGowan (University of Birmingham) with Christoph Görtz and Mallory Yeromonahos

10.10 **Quantifying UK SMEs' pandemic risk and credit risk exposures in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis**  
Meryem Duygun (University of Nottingham) with Enrico Onali

10.45 Break

11.00 **Business creation during the COVID-19 lockdown**  
Anthony Savagar (University of Kent) with Alfred Duncan and Miguel León-Ledesma

11.35 **Demand or supply? Price adjustment during the COVID-19 pandemic**  
Peter Zorn (LMU Munich) with Almut Balleer, Sebastian Link and Manuel Menkhoff

12.10 **Healthcare expenditure and the effectiveness of COVID-19 prevention**  
Hans-Jörg Schmerer (FernUniversität in Hagen) with Jaqueline Hansen and Antonia Reinecke

12.45 Break

13.00 **Looking back and thinking ahead**  
Panel discussion

13.45 Closing remarks